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L11 ANSWER 1 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI p53-mediated up-regulation of CD95 is not involved in genotoxic
drug-induced apoptosis of human breast tumor cells.
SO CELL DEATH AND DIFFERENTIATION, (1999 Mar) 6 (3) 271-
80.
Journal code: 9437445. ISSN: 1350-9047.

L11 ANSWER 2 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Boswellic acids and malignant glioma: induction of apoptosis but no
modulation of drug sensitivity.
SO BRITISH JOURNAL OF CANCER, (1999 May) 80 (5-6) 756-65.
Journal code: 0370635. ISSN: 0007-0920.

L11 ANSWER 3 OF 25 MEDLINE

TI Sensitization of AIDS-Kaposi's sarcoma cells to Apo-2 ligand-induced apoptosis by actinomycin D.
SO JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY, (1999 May 1) 162 (9) 5616-23.
Journal code: 2985117R. ISSN: 0022-1767.

L11 ANSWER 4 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Distinct p53-independent apoptotic cell death signalling pathways in testicular germ cell tumour cell lines.
SO INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CANCER, (1999 May 17) 81 (4) 620-8.
Journal code: 0042124. ISSN: 0020-7136.

L11 ANSWER 5 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI The CD95/CD95 ligand system is not the major effector in anticancer drug-mediated apoptosis.
SO CELL DEATH AND DIFFERENTIATION, (1998 Sep) 5 (9) 735-42.
Journal code: 9437445. ISSN: 1350-9047.

L11 ANSWER 6 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI p53 activates the CD95 (APO-1/Fas) gene in response to DNA damage by anticancer drugs.
SO JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE, (1998 Dec 7) 188 (11) 2033-45.
Journal code: 2985109R. ISSN: 0022-1007.

L11 ANSWER 7 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Dexamethasone-mediated protection from drug cytotoxicity: association with p21WAF1/CIP1 protein accumulation?
SO ONCOGENE, (1998 Sep 24) 17 (12) 1567-75.
Journal code: 8711562. ISSN: 0950-9232.

L11 ANSWER 8 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Molecular determinants of apoptosis induced by cytotoxic drugs.
SO KLINISCHE PEDIATRIE, (1998 Jul-Aug) 210 (4) 148-52.
Journal code: 0326144. ISSN: 0300-8630.

L11 ANSWER 9 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Potentiation of CD95L-induced apoptosis of human malignant glioma cells by topotecan involves inhibition of RNA synthesis but not changes in CD95 or CD95L protein expression.
SO JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS, (1998 Sep) 286 (3) 1374-82.
Journal code: 0376362. ISSN: 0022-3565.

L11 ANSWER 10 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI CD95-mediated apoptosis: no variation in cellular sensitivity during cell cycle progression.
SO FEBS LETTERS, (1998 Aug 7) 432 (3) 155-7.
Journal code: 0155157. ISSN: 0014-5793.

L11 ANSWER 11 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Retinoic acids induce growth inhibition and apoptosis in adult T-cell leukemia (ATL) cell lines.
SO LEUKEMIA RESEARCH, (1998 Jul) 22 (7) 611-8.
Journal code: 7706787. ISSN: 0145-2126.

L11 ANSWER 12 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Transcription abnormalities potentiate apoptosis of normal human fibroblasts.
SO MOLECULAR MEDICINE, (1997 Dec) 3 (12) 852-63.
Journal code: 9501023. ISSN: 1076-1551.

L11 ANSWER 13 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Hypericin-induced apoptosis of human malignant glioma cells is light-dependent, independent of bcl-2 expression, and does not

require wild-type p53.
SO NEUROLOGICAL RESEARCH, (1997 Oct) 19 (5) 459-70.
Journal code: 7905298. ISSN: 0161-6412.

L11 ANSWER 14 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Immunochemotherapy of malignant glioma: synergistic activity of CD95 ligand and chemotherapeutics.
SO CANCER IMMUNOLOGY, IMMUNOTHERAPY, (1997 Mar) 44 (1) 55-63.
Journal code: 8605732. ISSN: 0340-7004.

L11 ANSWER 15 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Drug-induced apoptosis in hepatoma cells is mediated by the CD95 (APO-1/Fas) receptor/ligand system and involves activation of wild-type p53.
SO JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION, (1997 Feb 1) 99 (3) 403-13.
Journal code: 7802877. ISSN: 0021-9738.

L11 ANSWER 16 OF 25 MEDLINE
TI Apoptosis. Its significance in cancer and cancer therapy.
SO CANCER, (1994 Apr 15) 73 (8) 2013-26. Ref: 179
Journal code: 0374236. ISSN: 0008-543X.

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TI New insights into the kinetic resistance to anticancer agents.
SO Cytotechnology, (1998) Vol. 27, No. 1-3, pp. 225-235.
ISSN: 0920-9069.

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TI Potentiation of CD95L-induced apoptosis of human malignant glioma cells by topotecan involves inhibition of RNA synthesis but not changes in CD95 or CD95L protein expression.
SO Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, (Sept., 1998) Vol. 386, No. 3, pp. 1374-1382.
ISSN: 0022-3565.

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TI p53 accumulation promotes dephosphorylation and proteolytic cleavage of retinoblastoma protein in human malignant glioma cells.
SO Cellular Physiology and Biochemistry, (1997) Vol. 7, No. 6, pp. 304-311.
ISSN: 1015-8987.

L11 ANSWER 20 OF 25 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2002 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
TI Genetic regulation and therapeutic modulation of apoptosis in human malignant glioma.
SO Cellular Physiology and Biochemistry, (1996) Vol. 6, No. 6, pp. 376-380.
ISSN: 1015-8987.

L11 ANSWER 21 OF 25 CANCERLIT
TI 9-AMINOCAMPTOTHECIN INDUCES APOPTOSIS IN VITRO AND PROLONGS SURVIVAL OF MICE WITH HUMAN RENAL CELL CARCINOMA XENOGRAFTS (Meeting abstract).
SO Proc Annu Meet Am Soc Clin Oncol, (1998) 17 A1284.

L11 ANSWER 22 OF 25 CANCERLIT
TI Immunologic cytotoxicity overcomes p53-mediated resistance to apoptosis (Meeting abstract).

SO Proc Annu Meet Am Assoc Cancer Res, (1997) 38 A3258.
ISSN: 0197-016X.

L11 ANSWER 23 OF 25 CANCERLIT
TI Expression of apoptotic genes in Pgp- and MRP-overexpressing tumor cells
(Meeting abstract).
SO Proc Annu Meet Am Assoc Cancer Res, (1997) 38 A1924.
ISSN: 0197-016X.

L11 ANSWER 24 OF 25 CANCERLIT
TI Bcl-2 and chemoresistance in cancer (Meeting abstract).
SO Proc Annu Meet Am Assoc Cancer Res, (1995) 36 711.
ISSN: 0197-016X.

L11 ANSWER 25 OF 25 CANCERLIT
TI The bcl-2 gene family: expression and function (Meeting abstract).
SO Non-serial, (1994) 10th International Symposium on Cellular Endocrinology:
Molecular and Cell Biology of Apoptosis in Development, Disease and Cancer, September 29-October 2, 1994, Lake Placid, NY, p. 43, 1994.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:104527 BIOSIS
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TITLE: New insights into the kinetic resistance to anticancer agents.
AUTHOR(S): Chauffert, Bruno (1); Dimanche-Boitrel, Marie-Therese; Garrido, Carmen; Ivarsson, Mikael; Martin, Monique; Martin, Francois; Solary, Eric
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) CJF INSERM 94/08, Fac. Med., 7 Bd Jeanne d'Arc, 21033 Dijon France
SOURCE: Cytotechnology, (1998) Vol. 27, No. 1-3, pp. 225-235.
ISSN: 0920-9069.

DOCUMENT TYPE: General Review

LANGUAGE: English

AB Kinetic resistance plays a major role in the failure of chemotherapy towards many solid tumors. Kinetic resistance to cytotoxic drugs can be reproduced in vitro by growing the cells as multicellular spheroids (Multicellular Resistance) or as hyperconfluent cultures (Confluence-Dependent Resistance). Recent findings on the cell cycle regulation have permitted a better understanding why cancer cells which arrest in long quiescent phases are poorly sensitive to cell-cycle specific anticancer drugs. Two cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors (CDKIs) seem particularly involved in the cell cycle arrest at the G1 to S transition checkpoint: the p53-dependent p21cip1 protein which is activated by DNA damage and the p27kip1 which is a mediator of the contact inhibition signal. Cell quiescence could alter drug-induced apoptosis which is partly dependent on an active progression in the cell cycle and which is facilitated by overexpression of oncogenes such as c-Myc or cyclins. Investigations are yet necessary to determine the influence of the cell cycle on the balance between antagonizing (bcl-2, bcl-XL...) or stimulating (Bax, Bcl-XS, Fas ...) factors in chemotherapy-induced apoptosis. Quiescent cells could also be protected from toxic agents by an enhanced

expression of stress proteins, such as HSP27 which is induced by confluence. New strategies are required to circumvent kinetic resistance of solid tumors: adequate choice of anticancer agents whose activity is not altered by quiescence (radiation, cisplatin), recruitment from G1 to S/G2 phases by cell pretreatment with alkylating drugs or attenuation of CDK1 activity by specific inhibitors.

L11 ANSWER 16 OF 25 MEDLINE
ACCESSION NUMBER: 94207957 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94207957 PubMed ID: 8156506
TITLE: Apoptosis. Its significance in cancer and cancer therapy.
COMMENT: Erratum in: Cancer 1994 Jun 15;73(12):3108
AUTHOR: Kerr J F; Winterford C M; Harmon B V
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pathology, University of Queensland Medical School, Herston, Australia.
SOURCE: CANCER, (1994 Apr 15) 73 (8) 2013-26. Ref: 179
Journal code: 0374236. ISSN: 0008-543X.
PUB. COUNTRY: United States
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
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LANGUAGE: English
FILE SEGMENT: Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals
ENTRY MONTH: 199405
ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 19940526
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AB Apoptosis is a distinct mode of cell death that is responsible for deletion of cells in normal tissues; it also occurs in specific pathologic contexts. Morphologically, it involves rapid condensation and budding of the cell, with the formation of membrane-enclosed apoptotic bodies containing well-preserved organelles, which are phagocytosed and digested by nearby resident cells. There is no associated inflammation. A characteristic biochemical feature of the process is double-strand cleavage of nuclear DNA at the linker regions between nucleosomes leading to the production of oligonucleosomal fragments. In many, although not all of the circumstances in which apoptosis occurs, it is suppressed by inhibitors of messenger RNA and protein synthesis. Apoptosis occurs spontaneously in malignant tumors, often markedly retarding their growth, and it is increased in tumors responding to irradiation, cytotoxic chemotherapy, heating and hormone ablation. However, much of the current interest in the process stems from the discovery that it can be regulated by certain proto-oncogenes and the p53 tumor suppressor gene. Thus, c-myc expression has been shown to be involved in the initiation of apoptosis in some situations, and bcl-2 has emerged as a new type of proto-oncogene that inhibits apoptosis, rather than stimulating mitosis. In p53-negative tumor-derived cell lines transfected with wild-type p53, induction of the gene has, in rare cases, been found to cause extensive apoptosis, instead of growth arrest. Finally, the demonstration that antibodies against a cell-surface protein designated APO-1 or Fas can enhance apoptosis in some human lymphoid cell lines may have therapeutic implications.

L11 ANSWER 15 OF 25 MEDLINE
ACCESSION NUMBER: 97174339 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97174339 PubMed ID: 9022073
TITLE: Drug-induced apoptosis in hepatoma cells is mediated by the CD95 (APO-1/Fas) receptor/ligand system and involves

activation of wild-type p53.

AUTHOR: Muller M; Strand S; Hug H; Heinemann E M; Walczak H; Hofmann W J; Stremmel W; Krammer P H; Galle P R

CORPORATE SOURCE: University Hospital, Department of Internal Medicine IV, Heidelberg, Germany.

SOURCE: JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION, (1997 Feb 1) 99 (3) 403-13.

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AB Chemotherapeutic drugs are cytotoxic by induction of apoptosis in drug-sensitive cells. We investigated the mechanism of bleomycin-induced cytotoxicity in hepatoma cells. At concentrations present in the sera of patients during therapy, bleomycin induced transient accumulation of nuclear wild-type (wt) p53 and upregulated expression of cell surface CD95 (APO-1/Fas) receptor in hepatoma cells carrying wt p53 (HepG2). Bleomycin did not increase CD95 in hepatoma cells with mutated p53 (Huh7) or in hepatoma cells which were p53-/- (Hep3B). In addition, sensitivity towards CD95-mediated apoptosis was also increased in wt p53 positive HepG2 cells. Microinjection of wt p53 cDNA into HepG2 cells had the same effect. In contrast, bleomycin did not enhance susceptibility towards CD95-mediated apoptosis in Huh7 and in Hep3B cells. Furthermore, bleomycin treatment of HepG2 cells increased CD95 ligand (CD95L) mRNA expression. Most notably, bleomycin-induced apoptosis in HepG2 cells was almost completely inhibited by antibodies which interfere with CD95 receptor/ligand interaction. These data suggest that apoptosis induced by bleomycin is mediated, at least in part, by p53-dependent stimulation of the CD95 receptor/ligand system. The same applies to other anti-cancer drugs such as cisplatin and methotrexate. These data may have major consequences for drug treatment of cancer and the explanation of drug sensitivity and resistance.

L11 ANSWER 14 OF 25 MEDLINE
ACCESSION NUMBER: 97265679 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97265679 PubMed ID: 9111585
TITLE: Immunochemotherapy of malignant glioma: synergistic activity of CD95 ligand and chemotherapeutics.
AUTHOR: Roth W; Fontana A; Trepel M; Reed J C; Dichgans J; Weller M
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Neurology, University of Tübingen, School of Medicine, Germany.
SOURCE: CANCER IMMUNOLOGY, IMMUNOTHERAPY, (1997 Mar) 44 (1) 55-63.
Journal code: 8605732. ISSN: 0340-7004.
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ENTRY MONTH: 199705
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AB Malignant glioma cells are susceptible to CD95(Fas /APO-1)-mediated apoptosis triggered by agonistic antibody. Here we

examined the proapoptotic effects of the natural CD95 ligand, a cytotoxic cytokine homologous to tumor necrosis factor, on malignant glioma cell lines LN-229, LN-308 and T98G. We assessed whether glioma cell killing is synergistically enhanced by cotreatment with CD95 ligand and chemotherapeutic agents, including doxorubicin, carmustine, vincristine, etoposide, teniposide, 5-fluorouracil and cytarabine. Synergy was examined at low concentrations of cytotoxic drugs and CD95 ligand with a defined effect level (IC15). Short-term-cytotoxicity assays showed prominent killing of the glioma cells by CD95 ligand but not by the drugs at relevant concentrations. CD95 ligand induced apoptosis in the acute toxicity paradigm was augmented by doxorubicin and vincristine. Growth-inhibition assays revealed prominent synergy between CD95 ligand and all drugs examined. The best synergy was obtained with CD95 ligand and doxorubicin, vincristine or teniposide. The strong synergistic antiproliferative effects were observed at much lower concentrations of CD95 ligand and cytotoxic drugs than the moderate synergistic acute cytotoxic effects. All cell lines examined express the Bcl-2 protein. LN-229 has partial wild-type p53 activity. T98G has mutant p53, LN-308 has a deleted p53 gene and lacks p53 protein expression. Thus, synergistic effects of CD95 ligand and cytotoxic drugs were observed in cell lines exhibiting two features thought to play a role in the chemoresistance of human malignant glioma cells: loss of wild-type p53 activity and acquisition of bcl-2 expression. Ectopic expression of murine bcl-2 conferred partial protection from CD95 ligand and drugs when administered alone but did not interfere with the mechanisms underlying the synergistic effects of CD95 ligand and chemotherapeutic drugs.

L11 ANSWER 8 OF 25 MEDLINE
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998416586 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98416586 PubMed ID: 9743944
TITLE: Molecular determinants of apoptosis induced by cytotoxic drugs.
AUTHOR: Fulda S; Friesen C; Debatin K M
CORPORATE SOURCE: University Children's Hospital, Ulm, Germany.
SOURCE: KLINISCHE PEDIATRIE, (1998 Jul-Aug) 210 (4) 148-52.
Journal code: 0326144. ISSN: 0300-8630.
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AB Recent experimental evidence suggests that apoptosis pathways such as the CD95 system are an important mediator of chemotherapy-induced apoptosis in various tumor cell lines. Therapeutic concentrations of cytotoxic drugs induce CD95 and CD95-L that mediates apoptosis via an autocrine/paracrine loop by crosslinking CD95. Interfering with CD95-L/receptor interaction by antagonistic antibodies to the receptor or by inhibition of CD95-L expression strongly reduces apoptosis. Drug-induced apoptosis critically depends on activation of caspases since apoptosis is almost completely abrogated by the caspase inhibitor zVAD-fmk. The receptor apical caspase FLICE/MACH (caspase-8) and the downstream caspase CPP32 (caspase-3) are cleaved resulting in processing

of substrates such as the nuclear enzyme PARP. In addition, the response to cytotoxic drugs is modulated by pro- and antiapoptotic proteins of the Bcl-2 family and p53. Defects in apoptosis pathways, e.g. deficient upregulation of CD95-L, downregulation of CD95 expression or blockade of caspase activation may confer resistance to cytotoxic drug treatment. Thus, chemosensitivity of tumor cells depends on intact apoptosis pathways such as the CD95 system that are activated by **chemotherapeutic** drugs. These findings may have implications for drug sensitivity and resistance of tumor cells.

L11 ANSWER 6 OF 25 MEDLINE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999059827 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99059827 PubMed ID: 9841917
TITLE: p53 activates the CD95 (APO-1/Fas) gene in response to DNA

damage by anticancer drugs.

AUTHOR: Muller M; Wilder S; Bannasch D; Israeli D; Lehbach K; Li-Weber M; Friedman S L; Galle P R; Stremmel W; Oren M;

Krammer P H

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Internal Medicine IV, Hepatology and Gastroenterology, University Hospital, 69115 Heidelberg, Germany.

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ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 19990202

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AB **Chemotherapeutic** drugs cause DNA damage and kill cancer cells mainly by apoptosis. p53 mediates apoptosis after DNA damage. To explore the pathway of p53-dependent cell death, we investigated if p53-dependent apoptosis after DNA damage is mediated by the CD95 (APO-1/Fas) receptor/ligand system. We investigated hepatoma, gastric cancer, colon cancer, and breast

cancer cell lines upon treatment with different anticancer agents known to

act via p53 accumulation. Cisplatin, mitomycin, methotrexate, mitoxantrone, doxorubicin, and bleomycin at concentrations present in the

sera of patients during therapy led to an upregulation of both CD95 receptor and CD95 ligand. Induction of the CD95 ligand occurred in p53 wild-type (wt), p53 mutant (mt), and p53 deficient (p53(-/-)) cell lines and at wt and mt conformation of temperature-sensitive p53 mutants. In contrast, upregulation of the CD95 receptor was observed only in cells with wt p53, not in cells with mt or without any p53. Restitution of inducible wt p53 function restored the ability of p53(-/-) Hep3B cells to upregulate the CD95 receptor in response to anticancer drugs. This rendered the cells sensitive to CD95-mediated apoptosis. In an attempt to understand how CD95 expression is regulated by p53, we identified a p53-responsive element within the first intron of the CD95 gene, as well as three putative elements within the promoter. The intronic

element conferred transcriptional activation by p53 and cooperated with p53-responsive elements in the promoter of the CD95 gene. wt p53 bound to and transactivated the

CD95 gene, whereas mt p53 failed to induce apoptosis via activation of the CD95 gene. These observations provide a mechanistic explanation for the ability of p53 to contribute to tumor progression and to resistance of cancer cells to chemotherapy.

L11 ANSWER 5 OF 25 MEDLINE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999218643 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99218643 PubMed ID: 10200532
TITLE: The CD95/CD95 ligand system is not the major effector in

anticancer drug-mediated apoptosis.

AUTHOR: Tolomeo M; Dusonchet L; Meli M; Grimaudo S; D'Alessandro N;

Papoff G; Ruberti G; Rausa L

CORPORATE SOURCE: Chair of Hematology, University of Palermo, Italy.

SOURCE: CELL DEATH AND DIFFERENTIATION, (1998 Sep 5 (9) 735-42.

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PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom

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AB Many anticancer drugs are able to induce apoptosis in tumor cells but the mechanisms underlying this phenomenon are poorly understood.

Some authors reported that the p53 tumor suppressor gene may be responsible for drug-induced apoptosis; however, chemotherapy-induced apoptosis can also be observed in p53 negative cells. Recently, doxorubicin (DXR) was reported to induce CD95L expression to mediate apoptosis through the CD95/CD95L system. Thus, an impairment of such a system may be involved in drug resistance. We evaluated the in vitro antitumor

activity of several cytotoxic drugs on two human p53-negative T-cell lymphoma cell lines, the HUT78-B1 CD95L-resistant cell line and the HUT78 parental CD95L-sensitive cell line. We demonstrated by Western blotting

assay that DXR and etoposide (VP-16) were able to induce CD95L expression after 4 h of treatment. In contrast, they were unable to induce the expression of p53. DXR, at concentrations ranging from 0.001 - 1 &mgr;g/ml, and VP16, at concentrations ranging from 0.05 - 1 &mgr;g/ml, were equally cytotoxic and

induced apoptosis in both cell lines as assessed by fluorescence microscopy and flow cytometry analyses. Although we observed a slightly reduced percentage of apoptotic cells in HUT78B1 when compared with the

parental HUT78 cells after few hours of drug exposure, this difference was

no longer evident at 48 or 72 h. Similarly, the exposure of HUT78 cells to

a CD95-blocking antibody partially reduced early apoptosis (24 h) without affecting the long-term effects of the drugs including cytotoxicity. Furthermore, as observed with DXR and VP-16, both the

CD95L-sensitive and the CD95L-resistant cell lines resulted equally sensitive to the cytotoxic effects of a number of different cytotoxic drugs (vincristine, camptothecin, 5-fluorouracil and methotrexate).

The

treatment with the Caspase-3 tetrapeptide aldehyde inhibitor, Ac-DEVD-CHO,

did not affect the DXR-induced apoptosis whereas it only modestly inhibited apoptosis and cytotoxicity of VP-16, while Z-VAD.FMK, a

Caspase inhibitor that prevents the processing of Caspase-3 to its active

